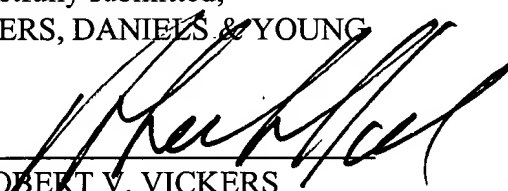


29. A method for sealing a leveler door opening of a coke oven chamber during the leveling process, including providing a housing and guiding a leveler bar therethrough, forming a seal between said leveler door opening and said leveler bar and exhausting a gas from said housing, the improvement comprising regulating said gas exhaustion by measuring the flow of gas in the area of the leveler door opening and controlling the rate of said gas exhaustion in order that there is no gas flow at the measuring location.

**REMARKS**

Applicant reiterates and again claims priority on the basis of German application 197 29 032.9 filed on July 8, 1997, and PCT/EP98/04157, filed June 7, 1998. Substantive examination on the basis of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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